

Below are some interesting facts about various towns in Kansas. See if you can find those towns in the word search to the right!

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower called **Abilene** home.
- From 1876 to 1878, famous lawman Wyatt Earp kept the peace in **Dodge City**.
- Oscar Micheaux, regarded as the first African-American filmmaker, grew up in **Great Bend**.
- The town of **Hays** holds an annual Oktoberfest to celebrate its German heritage.
- Kansas Jayhawks are found in **Lawrence**. Their in-state rivals are the Wildcats of Kansas State, in **Manhattan**.
- Six of the 13 players on the first United States Olympic basketball team hailed from **McPherson**.
- Travelers often stopped in **Olathe**, before heading west on the Oregon, California, and Santa Fe Trails.
- Senators Bob Dole and Arlen Specter are both from **Russell**, and both ran for president in 1996.
- Astronaut Steven Hawley, who flew on five spaceflights, considers **Salina** his hometown.
- The capital of Kansas is **Topeka**, which means “a good place to dig potatoes” in native tribal languages.
- Because of its importance in the aircraft industry, **Wichita** is known as “the Air Capital of the World.”

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